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Instruction Memorandum No. AZ-2001-012
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To: Field Managers
From: State Director
Subject: Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Action Plan Re-Issuance and Mapping Data Call

DD: March 16, 2001

Purpose: This Instruction Memorandum (IM) reissues the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Action Plan, IM No. AZ-99-018, and requires forwarding of completed Southwestern willow flycatcher mapping products to the Arizona State Office (932) for consolidating into a statewide map.

Background: The Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Action Plan, IM No. AZ-99-018, directed implementation and completion of several conservation actions for this species, thus keeping the biological opinions for the States' land use plans valid. The Action Plan included a schedule for implementation, including completion of mapping following the required protocol by December, 2000. FY 2000 and 2001 AWP Directives included direction to complete the mapping. FY 2001 AWP Directives also included a notice that a data call would be coming shortly.

Policy/Action: Continue to implement the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Action Plan, as presented in IM No. AZ-99-018. The Implementation schedule shall be followed.

What To Submit: Submit appropriate GIS files of digitized flycatcher habitat mapping data, or hard copy maps at preferably 1:24,000 scale, but no smaller than 1:100,000 scale. Submit appropriate habitat classification worksheets prepared under the guidance of IM No. AZ-99-018.

Time Frame: This IM is effective immediately and the Due date for mapping products is COB March 16, 2001.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: Manual Section 6840 is affected by this policy. This policy implements several subsections concerning special status species conservation and consultation.

Contact: If you have any questions regarding this IM, contact Ted Cordery, Endangered Species Coordinator, at (602) 417-9242.

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- 1 - IM No. AZ-99-018 (16 pp.)
- 2 - IM No. AZ-98-001 (9 pp.)